

SECRET

HANDLE VIA BYEMAN
CONTROL SYSTEM ONLY

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

BYE 12002/73
#2 sub

PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD

July 10, 1973

PFIAB/NSC Review Completed.

Dear Bill:

PFIAB has supported our National Reconnaissance Program (NRP) since its inception and played an active role in formulating the Vance/Raborn agreement under which the NRP has been managed since 1965.

In recent years, the circumstances which permitted the Vance/Raborn agreement to function as effectively as it did have been substantially altered: NSA and the military services have developed active, ongoing satellite reconnaissance programs; overhead reconnaissance has become the principal means of national verification of Soviet compliance with the SALT agreements; the President has specifically directed the DCI to exercise greater authority over national intelligence programs; and funds are no longer readily available.

With a new composition of EXCOM yet to be worked out, and the recent announcement of NRO Director McLucas' appointment as Secretary of the Air Force, the direction and management structure for the NRP are in a period of transition. It is a consensus of the Board that this transition period should be used to evaluate the type of NRP management structure required for the future, and to promulgate an NSCID for the NRO. The Board desires to assist in the resolution of these basic issues.

Sincerely,

Wheaton

Wheaton B. Byers
Executive Secretary

DD/S&T
FILE COPY

Mr. William E. Colby
Director-designate
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

CLASSIFIED BY PFIAB
EXEMPT FROM GENERAL DECLASSIFICATION
SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652
EXEMPTION CATEGORY 5 B (2)
AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM Undetermined

SECRET

HANDLE VIA BYEMAN
CONTROL SYSTEM ONLY